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The Christ of the Forest

Our world is made up of a number of artificial objects, and after a while many of us seem to think in terms of unreality. We regard everything from the point of view of form. We look at trees and flowers and yet see them only as objects not far different from the chairs and tables in our homes. How many of us realize that the flowers and trees are alive, have a life of their own, and are not merely subsidiary to our existence?

We do not realize that we live in a world of things intensely alive. A tree does not only look pretty and green and give shade, but it has an individuality of its own. It lives its own life for its own purposes independent of our own. If only we could grasp this idea a whole new world would open up for us. All things which have been taken for granted would have a new interest for us. We would discover that everything lives and is trying to express itself just as we live and express ourselves. A tree, for instance, is an entity expressing itself in its own way, and if this idea is fully realized, it dawns upon our consciousness, that by understanding and sympathizing we can learn to know and understand what that tree is trying to express. It has its own message to give and every tree and plant has something different to present. One of the marvels in Nature is that even if creatures are similar fundamentally no two are alike in detail of form. Furthermore, not

only will we find this true of the form side, but also as regards the consciousness, or the inner personality of the plant or animal.

A momentary realization of this fact thrills one. It is a stupendous discovery to feel that we live in a world where even the tiniest object is alive and creating something. We find ourselves living in a centre of intense energy and we feel part of a system vibrant with this ceaseless energy and life. In this way our own creative energy is awakened responsively and we become much more alive to everything going on about us. We become vividly aware of the power of the life within our own selves, and thus because we are in touch with life, we are more alive ourselves.

Nature is found to be so joyous and simple when we understand and realize the feeling of kinship between ourselves and the beautiful things around. There is not the same complexity of feeling in Nature as in us, and it has the effect of making us realize that living is not so difficult when we are close to the beautiful, joyous and yet simple plants and trees.

After feeling the sympathy, which soon will become love to all things outside, we will see how love is really one of the greatest factors in life. In Nature it is possible to experience how closely all are bound together by the feeling of comradeship because of this same feeling of joyous living. In Nature this simple

oneness of all creatures in the mere fact of a common life makes it possible for human beings actually to achieve the same feeling and when this experience bursts upon one, the sensation is striking and unforgettable. Once and for all the meaning of the phrase, the Unity of all life, is a reality.

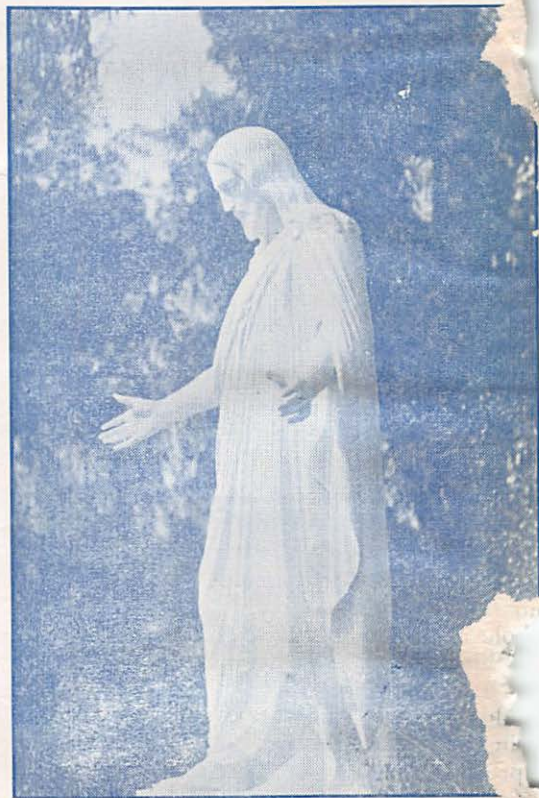
The Christ, whom we think of as the personification of this love and joy, can be sensed and felt so close to us personally when we have once achieved this feeling of the Unity of Nature. By feeling this love and joy reflected in ourselves we realize Him within ourselves as this same intense joy and love which pours through Nature. I myself can never think of the Christ as belonging to a special religion or people, but can always see Him outside in Nature where love and harmony are so much more easily found.

If only little children were taught not to have any orthodox ideas of a Person in a Church of whom they have to think with a serious face! If they could be made to realize that every time they feel happy and have the feeling that it is good to be alive, and maybe admire the beautiful things around them, they would understand Him, because Christ is the happiest of all people. The idea of the Christ would then be a living reality in their lives and they would be religious in the truest sense. They would see God everywhere.

The Christ of the Forest is for many the easiest way to come into touch with spiritual things, and when we have realized Him in this special way our lives are different. Everything appears so much more simple and happy to us because we are not alone, but can pour out our love and receive love from the beautiful creatures about us. We shall thus never lack a world filled with friends who will always love us, and we will be closest to Him. When difficulties occur in our daily life we can turn outside to Nature and feel that singing joy which is His great characteristic. Our daily life can be made beautiful and filled with happy ideas, as a new world is always close to us, a world which is filled with creative life, and nothing, therefore, can be dull and stupid, not even ourselves. For the Christ of the Forest is found to be changelessly our

Friend, glorifying in the beauties of the natural world, and its beauty and constancy.

Deer



CHRISTUS CONSOLATOR

A copy of the statue by the Danish sculptor, Thorwaldsen. The original is in the Copenhagen Cathedral.

The Garden of the Star

Then, if you will, a blazing sun, across several states, a strip of road on which many rattling cars went to and fro. The drivers of some of them were on business; they had truck loads of goods to be going several hundred tiresome miles and some were small families out for a vacation or college boys on a holiday. The road wound through farm country and in and out of unkind little villages where constables considered all motorists legitimate prey. There was no shade on the road and the concrete baked under the summer sun. Let us go a brief while with just one car, a shabby thing of bangs and wheezes.

It was driven by a tired man, happy at even a short release from his work in the city. In the front seat beside him was his little girl; in the back, wedged amidst countless bundles and battered suit-cases, his wife and boy. They were out on a two-weeks' jaunt in their cheap automobile, cooking their meals by the road, sleeping at night on the ground in rest camps found at points along the way. In short, they were having the time of their lives, albeit a week of it had reduced them to a condition far from immaculate and they were beginning to feel the need for a thorough freshening.

So, rather early one afternoon, when the sun was yet high, they drew up before a driveway with a simple entrance. Carved into this was a great five-pointed star and a tablet on the side carried an inscription which told them that this was one of the Gardens of the Star and that travellers were welcome without charge. In a spirit of investigation the man pushed the nose of his little car through the gate and drove slowly along a gravelled road curving to the right. Tall, quiet trees stood on either side of the drive. Clipped lawns stretched between and ahead of them a vista of shadow and greenery such as these our travellers had seen only in pictures of great estates. It was silent in that park. Birds cawed and the grass rustled. They passed a solitary gardener but he never looked up. How changed from the beat of the sun

on the concrete road was this alley of cool and shade!

The road curved presently into a great open space and there was another sign which read that motorists were permitted, if they wished, to camp for the night, given full liberty of the Garden. Only they were asked not to harm or mar anything. Our travellers looked around shyly and felt reassured when they saw another car, not unlike their own, drawn up under some trees with one or two as simple as themselves lounging near it.

So they parked their little automobile in a choice location under a group of weeping birch some fifty feet from a small, clear stream. The task of making camp was a very simple one. It was soon over, but the children had started to investigate even before their father and mother were ready. As children will, they followed the stream and found it led through a glade, coming from a pool that had two levels,—a small upper pool where pure drinking water was to be had, and a long pool in which one small, tanned lad was ardently practicing diving. Charmed at the prospect of getting into the water, the children tore back through the bushes to their car and excitedly told their parents that there was a place to swim. The transformation of the entire family into bathers was swift and complete and a few minutes later they were all splashing about in the lower pool. There was something, however, about the spirit of the Garden that kept them from being very noisy in their play. The stillness seemed to permeate them; they found themselves stopping to listen and wonder.

Clean, refreshed, relaxed, and with the luxury of clean clothes, all four set about exploring this strange park so beautifully ordered, so freely opened and so fairylike in its repose. Unobtrusive walks led here and there, so they followed one. It took them through a grove of gracious maples into a little clearing. There, carved in stone, stood a simple block with lettering of gold. Around this forest cloister were curved seats of stone. A tall,

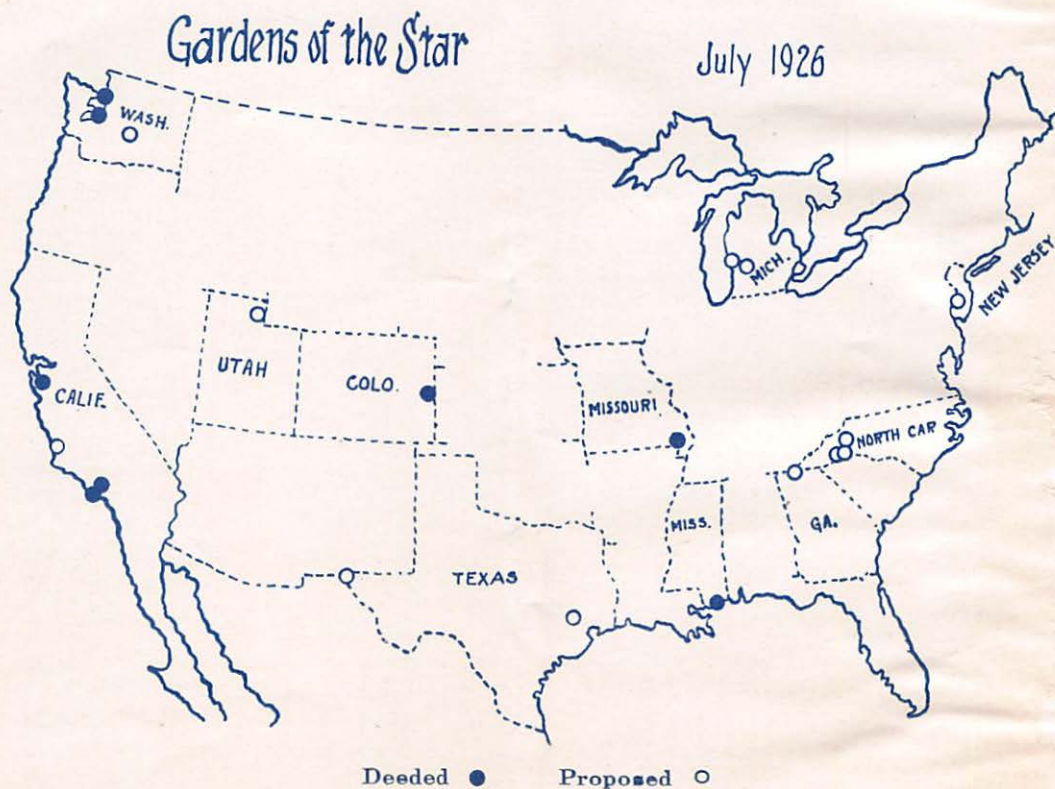
uncut hedge enclosed one end like a screen and a circle of oaks surrounded the clearing. On all sides stretched the trees and lawns. Birds swooped across from tree to tree and squirrels stopped inquiringly before the visitors, but still no one appeared and no noise was heard.

The mother sank down with a sigh upon one of the curving seats but the others stooped to read what was on the block of stone. This is what they read "This is one of the Gardens of the Star, which the Order of the Star in the East has set about here and there that travellers may find rest. This garden belongs to the World Teacher, Lord of Angels and Men, and whatever peace and beauty you find here are gifts from Him to you. May His peace and beauty follow you wherever you go."

The travellers stayed the long afternoon and night. One other car parked close to

theirs as dark was coming on and they changed greetings. The newcomers said they had camped before in one of the Gardens of the Star. Our travellers noted with delight in care they cleaned up the next morning and changed the spot where they had camped as they had done as before; so they did likewise. And that they went reluctantly away. They had and some hours before the peace, the happiness that place left them. Memory of it came to them many times in the months of work that followed. The children remembered the pool and the friendly squirrels; the father often thought of the quiet trees arching a place; the mother remembered most frequently the little clearing where seemed to brood the blessing of a Presence of Whom she sometimes dreamed.

EUGENE DEADERICK.



The Latest Dodge

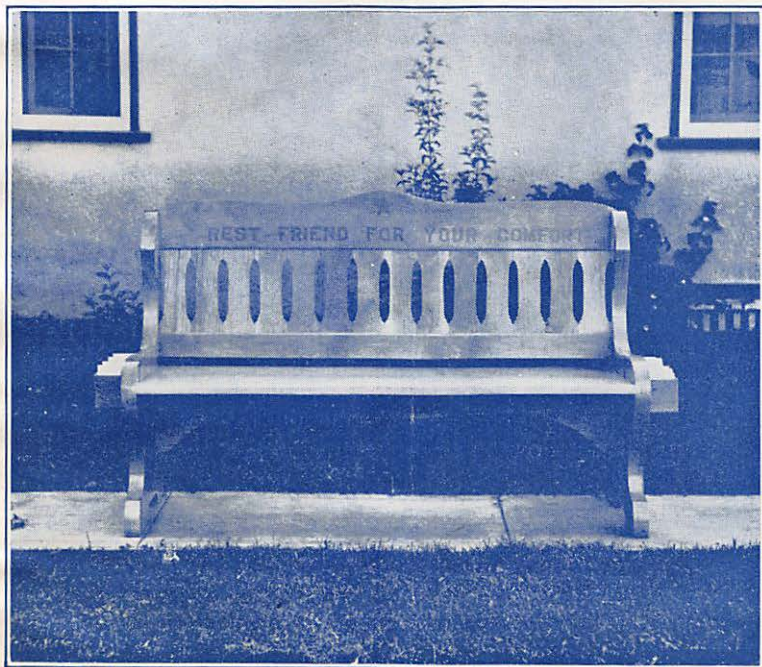
National Organising Secretary, Mrs. Casselberry, has worked out a most interesting idea which I hope will be widely adopted. It is the installation of a rest bench in her little house in Glendale, California. Pictures of the finished product in action are included herewith. I will cite the facts about it, and then quote from Mrs. Casselberry's interesting letter.

The bench is white sugar pine and cost seven dollars to make. A Star member in Glendale (Mr. Edward Carvel) painted it with transparent or natural Rexall varnish, the lettering in cobalt blue paint toned down with white. The paint and varnish job added \$2.50, total \$13.50.

At each end are suitable partitioned boxes, each partition holding a few copies of the Million Edition of *At the Feet of the Master*, with my leaflet reprinted from *The Ojai*, and Mr. Harden's blue leaflet folded in, each

packet with a rubber band. *Note*, the bottom of the literature boxes are slatted, so that they are easy to clean out. On the ends of the literature boxes (not visible in picture) reads, "Take One". The whole appearance is light and cheerful and inviting. There was no difficulty in obtaining permission of the Los Angeles city authorities for the placing of the bench. At least, Mrs. Casselberry had none—but then she is Mrs. Casselberry.

Note, further, after the bench has saturated the people round about with books, other literature will be placed in the boxes. After it has done all its work in that area it will be moved round to other members' houses. I had the pleasure of helping Mrs. Casselberry carry the bench out into position, and put the literature into the boxes. Five minutes later, from within the house, we saw a high school girl stop by off her bicycle. She took a packet, looked through it, grew interested, tucked the



packet in her pocket and dashed home. I am told that 107 books were distributed by this means in a week.

I now quote from Mrs. Casselberry's interesting and characteristic letter:

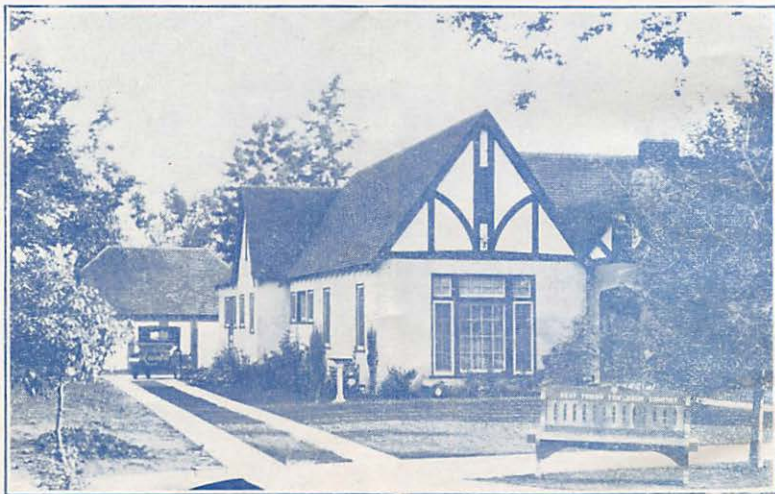
"I am so glad you like our little Star-lit home and the bench, and this is how it happened.

Before I moved in, I was thinking a great deal of how best to demonstrate in a practical way, to the community in which one lived, and to those passing by, that a Star member's home had something beautiful to tell them. So I decided not to stand in the doorway loudly proclaiming, but that I would try to make the home a silent John The Baptist. With this decision came a great joy that filled my whole being and made me see things in a new and different light, for I suddenly realized that one could dedicate not only one's self, but everything that one had to His service. This made me look about to see where I could begin, and I found that turning on the Star light within one's home is not difficult if there is sufficient love, and when the light is shining within, and the door of the heart is wide open, well—just naturally, if one is a real Star member—the light that pours through is Star-light. And if you are lucky it gets into your eyes, you see just what to do to make your home, within and without, herald His Coming.

Just after this happened to me, I saw a group of little bird-brothers bathe in an old pan of water that was the remains of a burnt rice pudding. With my eyes, I saw the old pan in the light to a beautiful bird-bath in the front [see illustration]. I looked about again and of p. the neighborhood was filled with little children, some very tired mothers and fathers too, and some old folks; and each day some of these would come and stand, sometimes for a long time, waiting for a big red bus that passed at intervals along the street. And I looked again and I saw clearly that while they were standing in the hot sun there was restful shade just in front of our Star home. And when I examined the shade for service, a bench appeared, a simple thing in itself, but it carried a gentle message of welcome inscribed beneath a blue Star. At each side of the bench I saw little boxes that were filled with many copies of the Star's Million Edition of *At the Feet of the Master*.

Thus this simple bench changed to a thing of beauty, as it became a channel for His Love to flow through to the world. And here in the quiet of evening, the silent light of the Silver Star tells to those who pass by—something beautiful."

F. K.



Public Information Notes

THE PRESENT POSITION

It may be of interest to Star members to learn the nature of operations as conducted by the Department of Public Information, and to know what facilities are at hand for future activities, inasmuch as we may at any time be called upon to carry out more extensive press plans upon a national basis.

The following brief statistics will show at a glance, just what our files have listed, covering the sources of public information in the United States.

- 183—Star Information Agents.
- 4,822—Daily newspaper offices.
- 10,977—Weekly newspaper offices.
- 92—News Syndicates and Feature Agencies.
- 48—Telegraphic News (including sub. offices.)
- 150—Prominent editorial writers.
- 62—Dramatic producers.
- 90—Motion Picture producers and directors.
- 5—Motion Picture News Reels.
- 160—Radio Broadcasting Stations.

Our Star public information work is unique among publicity offices. *It is not so much our purpose to propagate or disseminate press articles as to influence toward truth and sanity such matter as is about to be printed.* Our chief objective at the present time is to reach the makers of newspaper copy in such a way as to make known to them the reasonableness, the necessity, the certainty and the manner of the World Teacher's appearance and the great changes in human affairs which this inevitably entails.

The folder recently issued by Star Headquarters entitled *The Facts About Mr. Krishnamurti*, is an example of the efforts being made. In this folder Mr. Kunz has assembled material which will receive the serious and thoughtful consideration of newspaper people. Once read, it is found to be convincing in the extreme. Common sense is its keynote. There is dignity and intelligence throughout the text and in the mode of presentation.

Star members and especially all Star Publicity Committees will do well indeed to see that every newspaper owner and editor in their territory receives a copy of this folder. Where the paper is a large one, copies should reach at least five offices: (1) Business Manager (or Managing Editor), (2)

Editor-in-Chief, (3) City Editor, (4) Telegraph Editor, (5) Feature Editor.

The perusal of this folder by the inhabitants of the newspaper world of America will practically put an end to all thoughtless or ignorant press reports and stories. Deliberate persecution is another matter, not so easily touched. This we must be prepared to endure and act upon only in cases where the progress of Star principles is being obstructed.

Star public information workers should furthermore report the names of newspapers which they have supplied with copies of the folder. This will enable the Public Information Office to check the total list of American newspapers, and later supply, direct, such papers as have not been reached by our representatives. This saves duplication. The folder is supplied at mere cost, 5c per copy, and at this price all Star centers or Sentinels will be able to bear the slight expense of their own local requirement.

A word of appreciation should here be expressed concerning the remarkably fine work accomplished by our public information workers throughout the nation. Particularly significant is the distinguished service rendered by Capt. Russell Lloyd Jones of New York City, Director of Eastern Division. Capt. Jones has handled many very excellent press and magazine features upon World Teacher subjects. His influence has been noted back of much of the best work appearing for us in the public prints. Especially noteworthy has been his influence upon stories about to break from the wrong angle.

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Box 690, San Jose, California.

NON-MEMBER HELPERS

I count among my friends a man who is not a member of the Order (as yet), but who is much interested in the whole of our movement. He very kindly undertook to call on the editors of various

newspapers in the community of which he is a citizen of substance. In two days he had, incidentally to other business, talked to three editors or owners and obtained their promises to treat the Head with tolerance and dignity. In each case he asked the owner or editor in chief to instruct the right departments (see Mr. Harden's notes in this issue of the *Server*) and in each case this was instantly done.

Naturally a person of prominence, often personal friends with the most important people in the community, can do more successful work quickly than those who have no special standing. I do not hesitate to call upon non-members for this service. After all, it is to the interest of their friends in newspaper jobs to exhibit fairplay, and in inviting their attention to this fact, explaining that we do not seek publicity, but just accurate headlining and comment and the like, the whole community is benefited. I am bound to say that it takes just a little more courage than commonly possessed for non-members to make this appeal about a matter like this, so strange to the general run of editors. But now that good reports are coming from Europe it should be easier.

Little time remains before the arrival of the Head and the Protector in this country. What has been done in your community? Miami, New Orleans, San Antonio, Louisville, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, Boston and all the big cities east, west, north and south—I hope effective action is being taken, *now!*

F. K.

THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS BUREAU

Public Information workers will be delighted to hear that the international news service mentioned in an earlier *Server* has been established. It is called the Theosophical News Bureau and has offices at 171 Palace Chambers, Westminster, London, S. W. 1, England, although the Secretary and promoter, R. Henry-Waetjen, moves about from one European capital to another in its interests. The Advisory Committee consists of Annie Besant (who chose the name for the institution), Dr. Arundale,

Countess De La Warr, Major Graham Pole, J. E. L. Gardner, Mrs. Baillie Weaver, Colonel Mey, Captain Pape, and myself. I have nominated Captain Russell Lloyd Jones, 441 Madison Avenue, New York City, to act for the United States as well.

M. Henry-Waetjen writes *inter alia* on July 6.

"The Press over here on the whole has been pretty fair to us of late; a good many misconceptions crept in during the convention, and also after Dr. Besant's first lecture at the Queens Hall, but we corrected these as rapidly as possible, and since then there are hardly any complaints to make. Quite naturally there is a good deal of opposition, but that is only to be expected, and as long as the opposition is fair and truthful, I do not think that we can complain. Most of the attacks and really objectionable articles that appear now-a-days are either written or inspired by members of the T. S., who for personal reasons, are in opposition to Dr. Besant, but I am hoping that as time goes on and this office becomes known, the papers will take that sort of attack at a discount and rely on us for true information.

In France the papers were particularly good during Dr. Besant's last visit, which was a great success.

I have arranged to handle the news of the Star Camp at Ommen and shall send out every night short written or telegraphic reports as may be warranted by the importance of events. [The results of this have been apparent in America].

Many thanks for your copies of *The Server* which are most interesting and will be very helpful in guiding my own work over here. I am now getting out two circular letters, one of which is addressed to the Press and one to our own members. As soon as the printer delivers them I shall send you a few copies of each, as you may like to see them, and in fact, may have some use for them.

I would also be greatly obliged if you would kindly appoint somebody to keep me posted with all the news concerning Dr. Besant's tour in the United States. If anything really important happens, please cable, as it makes a big difference whether the papers on this side get the information from me or from other newspapers who have already coloured the event. [I have appointed persons of repute for this].

I am taking a special interest in American correspondents over here just at present, and recently obtained an interview with Dr. Besant for the representative of the *New York Times* with whom I had several lengthy conversations. I hope that the result will be alright."

We are all glad to note this valuable addition to our international staff operations. I am especially glad America was early in the field, trying to guide the Press.

F. K.



THE HEAD

From a recent portrait

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Canadian National Representative, who has been lecturing for us in the Northwest.



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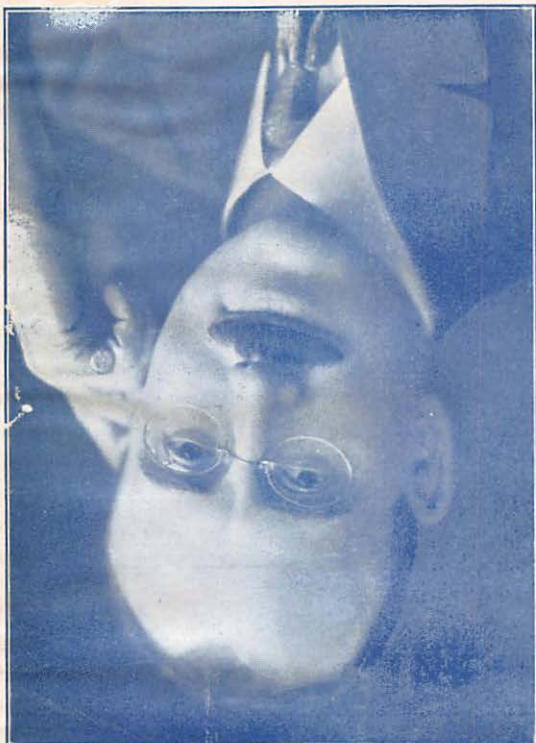
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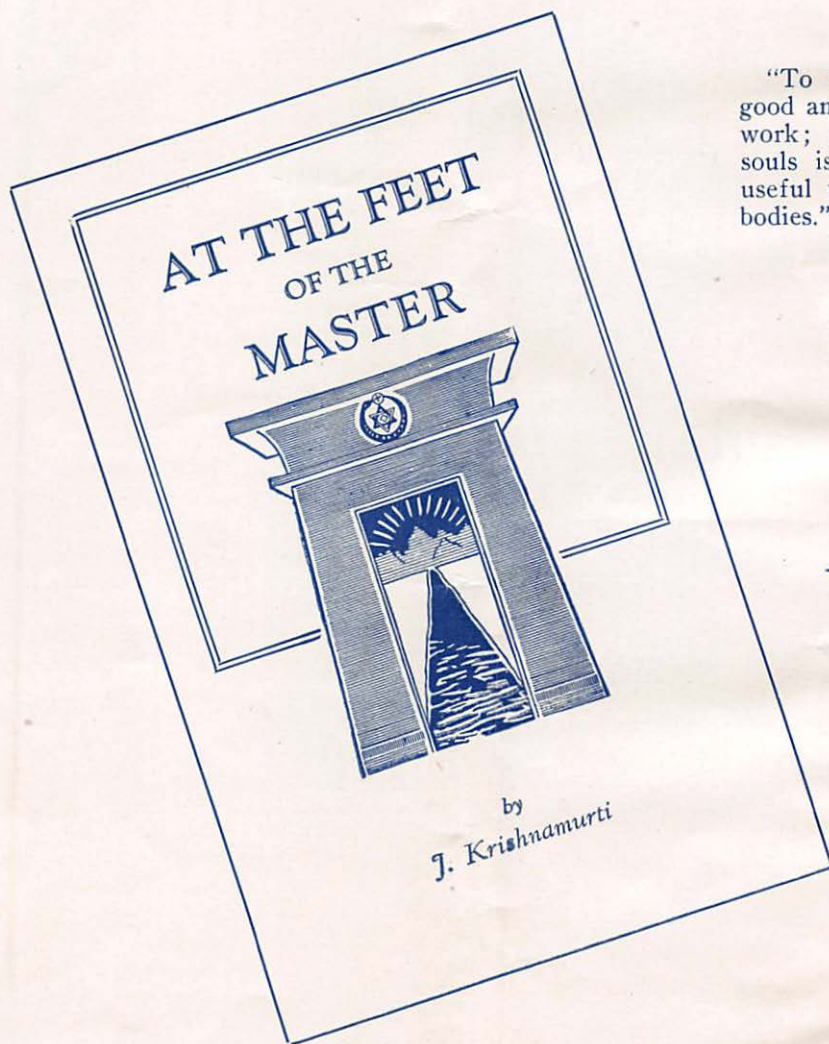
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by

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NOTES

THE EUCHARIST CONGRESS IN CHICAGO

The Eucharist Congress of July, 1926, has been characterized by a Catholic paper as the most impressive spectacle the world has witnessed, perhaps, since the Savior was put to death on Calvary.

The question has been asked, "If Christ came to Chicago, what?" The answer given to the question by a Catholic priest, acting as a newspaper correspondent, is this: "Christ has come to Chicago, and Chicago has used every force at its command to receive Him with fitting dignity. He came as Eucharist King in triumph."

Cardinal Mundelein declared, "Christ, the King of the World, has made His first triumphal entry into a city of the United States." Another Editor added: "If Chicago did not surrender to the reign of Christ, at least, for the time being, she deemed herself to be dominated by Christian influences." The Chicago *Evening Post* was convinced that the Eucharist Congress brought great and lasting good, by turning the thoughts of all believers in God to a more serious contemplation of religion.

The New York *Christian Advocate*, a Methodist weekly, wrote, "So far as the Chicago demonstration has spiritual aims, we Protestants may join in prayer with all good Catholics that through it the Kingdom of Christ in the hearts and lives may be made real But we cannot help adding the prediction that this gorgeous festival in the hearts of the American Commonwealth will bring about a *stiffening* of public opinion against a purely political side of Romanism." The cordial welcome of the Congress by the non-Catholics was gratefully acknowledged by the leaders of the Catholic Congress. Said Cardinal O'Donnell of Ireland, "It

was as if all people were of one denomination. The new spirit of the old Church clasped hands with the spirit of a free people."

MOSLIM MISSIONARIES IN AMERICA

New York is a center of Moslim activity among the negroes in Harlem; but the New York negro is too strongly in the power of Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians and Catholics and Presbyterians, to be drawn in any marked degree to a non-Christian faith. In Yonkers there are however not less than 900 Moslims, some of them white converts, holding regular services for worship on North Broadway.

Chicago and Saint Louis are also centers of activity by the Moslems, but they make little progress. It has been added to the report, "Christianity has nothing to fear from comparison with other faiths. Christ said, 'If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me.'"

SOCIAL STRUCTURE

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PRISON WORK

ANNUAL REPORT OF FIELD WORK

A chain of institutions stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico—lock-ups, jails, reform schools, reformatories, prisons and penitentiaries, nearly four thousand in number; we have built them to protect us from the criminal and his evil deeds. The United States Bureau of Census tells us that we, as taxpayers, pay over \$37,451,400 per year to deter criminals and protect society. What returns do we get on this investment? With the present systems, with few exceptions, the prisons are not deterrent but manufactories of criminals. Nearly every report that comes to my desk tells of the crowded conditions in the state institutions; the old cell-houses reeking with vermin; old and young thrown

together with no thought of segregation. The police arrest, the courts convict, the criminal goes to prison, stays for a brief or even long period, is discharged, commits more crimes and returns to prison; and thus the ghastly cycle continues year after year and we sit by and say, as many whom I have approached on the subject have told me, "Those men deserve to be there, and there they should stay and be punished for their acts." Many of our Prisons today use most brutal kinds of punishment for the smallest misdemeanor, but what kind of a man comes out of these institutions and takes his place again in society? Has he been taught a lesson? Has he been helped mentally, emotionally and physically to become a better citizen than when he entered the prison?

To help and heal these men and women so that they may return to the world greatly benefitted, rather than degenerate or more cunning criminals, is the great work of this Prisoners' Welfare League.

In the thirty-eight States which have reported to me, there are sixty-seven workers who are Star members; there are eighteen workers who are not members of the Order but who are very much interested in our humanitarian work and are ready to help me whenever I need their assistance. I am sorry that there are still ten states that have not been heard from up to this time.

We have one or two judges, and one or more wardens interested in the Ancient Wisdom teachings, who are members of the Star. On our list we have several lawyers, editors of newspapers, newspaper writers, and doctors. I count upon every Secretary of every Star Group in the United States as a worker, but they are not included with the figures given above.

Let us begin at the jails. The jails are pest-holes in which stalk filth, lust and idleness. The men stay there, month after month waiting trial along with those who have been given a sentence. We let this condition go on year after year with its poison seeping out into our every-day life.

Let us next take the reform schools and reformatories. These are institutions where children and young men and women are placed. Many of the reform schools are schools of crime. Brutality, and lack of understanding of the young placed in their care, turn these schools into places unfit to help inmates. "If we train unfortunate children into

criminals we pay the price." If you visit the reformatories in your state and then go to the State prisons, you will find they differ very little, except in name. Some of the states do have a much advanced form of taking care of the young offenders, but much work is needed along this line.

To do any effective work, the following points must be considered, thought upon and studied, so that each worker and group of workers can adopt the best means of using these ideas in their locality:

1st. Take the Prison systems out of Politics.

2nd. Heal the men; that is the only solution to better them.

3rd. Place manufacturing in the prisons so that the men can earn during their stay and pay for their expenses to the State, some of the earnings to go to their dependents, if they have any, and some put to the man's credit so that he may come out of prison with some money in his pocket, more than the usual \$5.00 that is now given them when they are discharged. The system of manufacturing should be the State Use System, and not private contracts, or commodities thrown upon the market which are underpriced and which cannot be disposed of.

4th. Some means of looking after the discharged men until they are again adjusted back into society, after years and months of being shut away.

5th. Do away with Capital Punishment.

This is a big program but we know that the Masters of Wisdom are with us in all constructive work; that we are working with the Lord of Love, and should have no hesitation in going ahead and *doing this labor of love in His name.*

To take the Prison systems out of politics, we should see that men who are placed in the warden's position take an examination (civil service?) involving a thorough knowledge of criminology, psychology, psycho-analysis and so on. This would prevent the position being handed out as a political plum by the Governor to one who has no knowledge of the men in his charge. Then by observation of the prisoner, mentally, emotionally and physically, the proper work and treatment can be applied to heal the man while he is in prison. The men should be busy. If they have no trade when they enter the prison, they should be taught a trade and the proper education that goes with that trade. Work is the universal remedy. As an example, take the fifty or more women confined in San Quentin

(California) prison. Teach these women rug weaving, and let them furnish every institution of this state that uses rugs, the insane hospitals, reform schools, state offices and the state universities. The state would pay these women the same price as the outside manufacturers' laborers' receive, and the women in turn would pay the state for their expenses. If the state is paying for dependents of these women, they could share a bit of that expense and then have some to their credit on being released from the institution. There are many, many things that could be made by this State Use System. It is being tried successfully in some of the states at this time.

The next step necessary is to take care of the man when he is released. Revolving funds have been established to help the worthy ones who have no friends or home to go to and no job in sight. Homes where these men can be employed until they are able to find their right place in the world again, have been established during this last year.

It means education of the public to bring about these reforms. This next year should be devoted to this kind of work. During the past year I have been trying to organize and educate my workers and help them with the problems that they have encountered. In September I will prepare, with the help of Headquarters, a series of newspaper articles that I will send the workers to get before the public through their local newspapers. These articles of course can be changed to meet the local conditions, or if not at all suitable I can send an article for that locality.

Think each day upon these reforms. Your thought-forms, if definite, will help to sow the seed. One of our Prison Board members recently wrote a long article on "More work in the prisons here in California," and it sounded so much like my own logic, that I have been asked several times whether I prompted the writer of the article. During this last year our members have made two campaigns on the Governor of Texas, asking her to do something for the prisoners. To date I have no report that any action has been taken for the betterment of conditions. Our workers in the State of Washington were busy in the recent campaign to prevent the re-establishment of the whipping post; it was not established. Several worthy men who have had difficulty either in being released, or after their release, have been helped by this League. Several of

the workers have been doing definite work for the abolition of Capital Punishment. In Louisiana and in California splendid work has been done in Juvenile Schools and Homes; also in homes for delinquent girls.

The National organizations, with which we are co-operating are: The National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor; League for the Abolition of Capital Punishment; and the department of the Salvation Army that deals with prison work.

During this next year bills should be introduced into the Legislature of every State in the Union, to cover the needs and extensions of your prisons, and the five points, outlined above, should be worked out according to your prison needs. Let us be able to say, at the end of six months, that we have accomplished at least one big part of the program, in His name.

EDITH LEE RUGGLES.

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ANIMAL PROTECTION

ANNUAL REPORT OF FIELD WORK

The year's record of work for animal protection, while it has in it much of encouragement, still leaves much to strive for in the year to come.

I wish to thank Miss Margaret Reed, my one assistant in this office, for her faithful and valuable help throughout the year; and also I wish to thank for their co-operation all the Star workers in the different parts of the country who have entered into the work and are carrying on with energy and enthusiasm. We owe, too, a debt of gratitude to the California Anti-Vivisection Society and to the American Animal Defense League for the generous supply of propaganda material they have given us for free distribution; to the American Humane Association for its complete supply of leaflets in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian; and to the American Humane Education Society for its leaflets, books, posters, stickers, and other material given us for our file. Hearty thanks to them!

Our objectives in this past year's work, aside from the first necessary aim of getting organized, have been already stated in previous issues of the Server. To review them—they are:

1. To co-operate with societies already doing animal protection work, and, where there is no such organization, to help in the founding of one; in the hope that as the work advances, every place in America will have its active society working to protect animals from cruelty. This is the general aim and policy of the World Federation for the Protection of Animals, of the Order of the Star in the East, of which we are a branch.

2. Further, to study all the many phases of animal protection work, acquiring accurate knowledge of the humane work being done in America, and elsewhere, and the needs and problems of the work.

3. To reach as many people as we can, by the spread of animal protection propaganda through the schools, libraries, newspapers, and among individuals; knowing that publicity will put an end to the cruelties perpetrated upon helpless animals, allowed only because the great mass are apathetic because of ignorance, the facts not having been brought home to them.

4. To make a general survey of the humane work being done in America, as a part of the International policy, for the information of International Headquarters as well as for our own and for the helping of those just beginning in the work.

5. To build up at this office a reference library of books, pamphlets, leaflets, posters and other material on all phases of animal welfare work, as well as a supply of free literature for distribution to those interested.

6. To bring the Star attitude into this great work of compassion, this campaign against the darkness of ignorance and cruelty.

We have been and are co-operating with the following organizations:

INTERNATIONAL: The World Federation for the Protection of Animals, of the Order of the Star in the East; The Jack London Club.

NATIONAL: The American Animal Defense League; The American Humane Association; The American Red Star Animal Relief; The American Anti-Vivisection Society; The American Humane Education Society; The Anti-Steel-Trap League; The No Furs League.

LOCAL: The California Anti-Vivisection Society. And, in addition, many of our members of the Animal Protection League in the Order are actively working in and co-operating with local branches of Anti-Vivisection Societies, Humane Societies, S.P. C.A. and others; some are charter members of such organizations; some are officers; some are doing pioneer work in districts where no animal welfare work has as yet been organized.

At present, however, only 24 states and the District of Columbia; only 48 places are on our rolls as having Star members actively co-operating with local societies, doing pioneer work, or organizing new societies for animal protection, or, in short, working in any capacity at all for animal welfare.

ALABAMA: Birmingham. ARKANSAS: Fort Smith. CALIFORNIA: Berkeley, Big Creek, East Oakland, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, Pasadena, San Francisco, San Diego. CONNECTICUT: New Haven. FLORIDA: Miami, Miami Beach. GEORGIA: Atlanta, Hapeville, Savannah. ILLINOIS: Chicago, Hinsdale, Rockford. INDIANA: Fort Wayne. IOWA: Muscatine. LOUISIANA: New Orleans. MASSACHUSETTS: Boston. MICHIGAN: Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, East Lansing. MINNESOTA: Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul. NEW JERSEY: Montclair. NEW YORK: Buffalo, Elmira, New York, Rochester. NORTH CAROLINA: Asheville. NORTH DAKOTA: Fargo. OHIO: Cleveland, Columbus. OKLAHOMA: Oklahoma City. PENNSYLVANIA: Pittsburg, Tyrone. TENNESSEE: Clarksville. TEXAS: Houston, Sour Lake. UTAH: Salt Lake City. WASHINGTON: Seattle. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Washington.

California leads, with eight places reported as having Animal Protection representatives of the Order actively at work; Michigan and New York tie for second rank with four centres each; for third place, Georgia, Illinois and Minnesota tie with three centres each.

New England is represented by only two states, Connecticut and Massachusetts, with one place each.

The South has the best record for the number of states represented: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Tennessee, and District of Columbia. If we include Oklahoma and Texas in the South, the Southern States are very far ahead.

We have sent in to the International President of the World Federation for the Protection of Animals a supply of leaflets published in America in Spanish, Italian and Portuguese for the work in those countries, and also, at her request, some literature concerning the Jack London Club.

With the American Animal Defense League we have co-operated by helping in their rummage sale and in their drive to raise money for a travelling Anti-Vivisection motor car to be used for propaganda and educational purposes in all the Pacific Coast States. Several of our members contributed money or goods to be sold at the bazaar for this purpose; some actively co-operated in the stocking selling campaign to raise money for this end. One of our members in Minnesota interested the

Minnesota Anti-Vivisection Society in this drive with the result that the President wrote me requesting further material so that she might do more for the campaign.

We have also co-operated in the matter of working against local ordinances for the compulsory vaccination of dogs, and in the national drive to exempt dogs for use by vivisectionists.

We have also worked for the abolition of the Steel Trap, against the wearing of furs, and for the humane treatment of stray animals.

Some of our members have also been active locally against the Rodeo in their communities; some have organized Bands of Mercy among the children in their neighborhood; others have worked in connection with local animal shelters, for Be Kind To Animals Week by special programs, lectures, posters, etc.; one group has a small appropriation to spend for propaganda against trapping; some have investigated conditions at their local pounds and slaughter-houses and also the conditions of animals and poultry being transported for sale, etc. Some have worked along the lines of humane education, with Commissioners of Education and Superintendents of Schools, as well as directly with teachers and children. Some have helped by sending in valuable propaganda material to this office.

Muscatine, Iowa, has a proud record for animal protection work. Not only are all the members of the local Star Group active members in the local Humane Society, but the local T. S. Lodge has also appointed a representative for animal protection work, who informs me that she is a charter member of the local Humane Society and that all the Lodge Members belong to it. If every Star Group and Theosophical Lodge had this 100 per cent record, animal welfare work would go forward with tremendous force.

Many of the Star Groups have not sent in the name of their animal protection representatives; several of the representatives already appointed have not yet sent in the answers to the questionnaire sent out for the survey; several have not yet sent in any report of their work. I hope to hear soon from all these.

At the Ommen Congress this year, delegates to the World Federation for the Protection of Animals are meeting to consider the plans and aims for the work of the coming year. It is of course too early to tell as yet what these plans will be. They will

naturally shape our own policy and aims in America. But at the present writing, in the light of what we already know, our chief aim in the coming year will be to extend the work as widely as we can, continuing the work already begun, but doing it more widely and more intensively.

In addition to working against vivisection, we intend to work heartily against cruel sports, the rodeo, the use of performing animals on the stage and on the screen, against dog mutilation, cruel treatment and neglect of animals on the ranges, cruel treatment of work horses and mules, against the use of monkeys by organ grinders, against the cruelty involved in the meat, poultry and fur industries, against the discharging of oily ballast water from ships, causing suffering and death of great numbers of birds and fishes, and against any other causes of cruelty.

We also hope to help in the future extending of humane education, in the schools and by the widespread forming of Bands of Mercy and Junior Humane Societies for children and young people, and for the establishing of more Animal shelters and Bird Sanctuaries.

We very much need to have Star workers come forward to lecture in this field, a work which of course needs training and knowledge. One of our members, a former president of the California Anti-Vivisection Society, has offered to speak on animal protection subjects. His offer however, extends only to groups in California. I hope that other lecturers will offer themselves for this work in different parts of the country, and that more workers will join with us for all phases of this urgently needed work of animal protection.

BERNICE BANNING.

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THE BROTHERHOOD OF RACES

The chief work of the Brotherhood of Races for some time to come will be the promotion of Inter-Racial Forums. About twenty of these are tentatively under way and we expect many more in the near future. One, in Berkeley, California, has already achieved a brilliant success proving its need by the interest it aroused from the start. The Forum should be composed of representatives of as many

ferent nationalities and races as are to be found in the locality in which it is organized. Meetings should be held as frequently as can be arranged, giving the different representatives opportunity for expression.

Briefly the objects of the Forum are:—

To gain a better understanding of and sympathy with the different racial traits and characteristics.

To gain toleration of racial differences which at first sight may appear antagonistic.

To learn the real attitude of non-white races to the white.

To spare no effort to establish a better understanding between the white and the non-white races.

To replace suspicion with trust, and to treat all with equal respect.

To realize that all individuals must aim at becoming World-Citizens. In the new age of internationalism it is no longer sufficient to be only a good citizen of one's native country.

To realize that only the World-Citizen can truly co-operate with the work of the World Teacher.

MISS FRANCES CHRISTIAN.

PROBLEMS OF WOMEN

ANNUAL REPORT OF FIELD WORK

About the time our appointment was announced in *The Server* we issued a letter to each of the Lodge Secretaries. In this letter we asked for a larger mailing list, stating that we would be glad to send literature periodically to any one whose name was sent in. We urged lodges to appoint a representative to co-operate with us on the above subject. Emphasis was placed upon the necessity of work in local activities and reporting results of such work to headquarters. Women were asked to become members of Women's Clubs and to initiate constructive work for women and children in their own communities. From this letter we received about twenty-five replies. There were several who not only had a full grasp of the subject but who had already done much in their own communities and in their own way, and their assistance will be of tremendous value in the future. Some others were willing to help but were too busy. We should have 100 more correspondents, or at least one from each group.

Our organization is scarcely complete. We have tried to keep in touch with local organizations and have by correspondence suggested to appointees of other cities that they also affiliate with any similar organization in their home town. Our request for a larger mailing list has in a very few instances been complied with, but we regret that this point has been overlooked by most of the groups.

The organizations with which we are affiliated are Illinois Vigilance Association, Women's Protective Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Illinois League of Women Voters and several local Women's Clubs.

Our plans for the coming year are simple. We expect to obtain a complete mailing list at a very early date. This will eliminate duplication of effort and will strengthen our organization tremendously.

We will publish for the benefit of all interested a list of magazines and books that will be of special interest in the Problems of Women.

We will also lay much stress upon work in the smaller cities, for we truly believe that urban communities have equally as serious problems as those of the larger cities.

Emphasis again will be placed upon local representatives initiating work and plans of activity not necessarily given out by headquarters.

And most of all, the dedication of personal service in such manner as to bring within our circle a larger group of real workers—those who are dependable and are willing to keep in touch with the wants and needs of both women and children.

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EDUCATION

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Education report is brief, as the work this past year has consisted mainly in trying to get the workers along Educational lines in the Groups over the country organized. In response to a letter sent out to each Star Center for helpers in the educational work 70 out of the 120 Groups sent in names, and only 35 of these wrote asking for information

and instructions regarding the work. These were answered, giving general suggestions as to lines of activity and asking that they let us have a report of anything of interest and value. So far we have heard from only a few. A number have written saying they have joined the Parent Teachers associations and bring in the progressive ideas wherever opportunity affords.

Have received the following new pamphlets on education: "The Dramatic Instinct; its Place in Elementary Education," by Miss Julia K. Sommer; "Art and Music Appreciation," by Mrs. Betty Hampton; and a paper by Mrs. Alice B. Green entitled "Child Education," giving results of her winter's experiment in the New Education. Miss Theodora Carrell sent in a bulletin by the Superintendent of the Springfield, Mass., schools in which certain changes are suggested in the curriculum. It says among other things that "the present idea of education aims to fit the school to the child; the new education looks upon school as a place where children are given opportunity for enriched experience through purposeful doing. The present rapid means of communication demand that the child develop consciousness of world citizenship. A world point of view in all commercial, religious and political relations will make much difference in our curriculum. History should deal more with development, less with wars." etc. This shows that the broader ideas are gradually finding their way into the educational plan.

MARY FOURAKER,
Field Secretary, Education.

INTERNATIONALISM AND POLITICS

Field Secretary (Temporary),
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A CHANCE TO HELP HINDUS

Senator Copeland, (says *The New Republic* of July 7, 1926) has performed a service of which the human value far outweighs the political, in introducing a bill to affirm the classification of Hindus as "free white persons" eligible to citizenship. This classification was made by the Committee on Immigration some years ago, and approved by Congress. Under this ruling a number of Hindus were ad-

mitted to citizenship, and Hindus who served in armies were promised such admission. During war, however, the British authorities became disturbed at the position which their Hindu many of them Home Rulers, were gaining United States, and made use of the power as associates in the War, they possessed with courts and officials to attack it. Whether as a part of the same campaign or not, United States officials ceased to recognize Hindus as candidates for citizenship, and following the custom of the day summarily deprived those already admitted of their rights without due process of law. Thus, a Hindu-born citizen, Professor of political economy at a leading university, appointed to represent this country abroad on an economic commission, found himself unable to obtain a passport—a man without a country. The situation was given a quasi-legal definition by Justice Sutherland of the Supreme Court, who in 1923, in reply to a question submitted by the Circuit Court of Appeals in Oregon, handed down the advisory opinion that the words "free white person" are to be interpreted in their popular sense rather than that given them by ethnologists. The Hindus affected by this ruling number from three to five thousand, most of them farmers on the Pacific Coast. They had made an important contribution to the economic life of the country in developing cultivation of cotton in the Imperial Valley, and were in many cases well-to-do. The opinion of Judge Sutherland placed them in the class of those ineligible for citizenship, who under California law are ineligible to hold or lease land. They were enabled to remain on the farms which they had developed on what was thought to be sterile and arid land, only by virtue of transferring title or leasehold to American citizens, by whom they were mulcted of the fruits of their industry, and in some cases reduced to peonage. The present bill, which should be promptly passed, will have no effect on the immigration of Hindus from the barred zone. It will merely make impossible the economic exploitation of a group of extraordinarily able farmers and artisans. It will rescue the Hindus already admitted to citizenship from their stateless condition, and in cases where Hindus not citizens have married American women, it will allow their wives to retain United States citizenship. It will save the United States from the meanness and dishonor of retracting a pledge already given. A man

dis renounces one government and swears allegiance to another in good faith has a right to ex-should be faith on the part of the nation to which giving admitted, particularly if he is ready to shed exp and in its defense.

Senator Copeland's bill was read twice and referred to the Committee on Immigration. It reads with an amendment: "To amend section 2169 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, in respect of the definition of a white person. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that section 2169 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence:

A person shall be deemed to be a white person within the meaning of this section if such person is of any one of the following peoples: Scandinavian (Danish, Norwegian, Swedish), German, Dutch, English, Flemish, Lithuanian, Scotch, Irish, Welsh, Russian, Polish, Czech (Bohemian, Moravian), Servian, Croatian, Montenegrin, Slovak, Slovenian, Ruthenian, Dalmatian, Herzegovinian, Bosnian, Albanian, Armenian, French, Italian, Roumanian, Spanish, Spanish-American, Mexican, Portuguese, Greek, Hindu, Gypsy, Arabian, Hebrew, Syrian, Caucasus, Basque."

[Will readers please write to Senator Copeland, Senate Offices, Washington, D. C., thanking him and congratulating him on his admirable Bill?—F. K.]

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Headquarters Notes

By F. K.

A special copy of *The Ojai*, the only newspaper known to me to be owned and edited by members of the Order in this country, has been sent to each member. The newspaper serves the Ojai Valley and comments on local, national and world affairs from the Star point of view. The local news will have interest to Star members from time to time, especially in September and October; and the editorial comment, always spiritual, is ever admirable reading. I recommend it to the members. A trial subscription for a half year is a dollar. The reader of this weekly news sheet is sure of having no murders or scandals dished up for him, nothing but progressive comment and simple fact. The international notes are especially valuable. These appear fortnightly, and are uniquely spiritual and fair accounts.

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Star Headquarters is being kept open throughout the summer, but will members please bear in mind the fact that Dr. Stone and all his staff, with one exception, expect to be absent at the Chicago T. S. Convention? Every effort will be made, however, to attend to necessary business.

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Our Head issues a Monthly Message to all Self-Preparation members. Secretaries have already received the first three numbers. These Messages will be sent to all groups and can be read at Group meetings, but individuals who are Self-Preparation members may order through secretaries a set of the Messages for their personal use. Cost, 50 cents for the series, from nine to twelve in a year's series. This same rule applies to the Self-Preparation Manual just issued by the Head. The cost of this is 40 cents a copy. Group Secretaries will please canvass the membership and send in orders to these Headquarters for the number of Messages or Manuals required, paying in advance for the number ordered.

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One of our valued members gave a copy of *At the Feet of the Master* to a woman in his office, without comment. She wrote him a memorandum and put it on his desk, as follows:

"My first impression upon reading *At the Feet of the Master* was that all the rules of living set forth in the four qualities, Discrimination, Desirelessness, Good Conduct and Love, were covered by the teachings of Christ—but for some reason He was left out. A quotation from St. Paul's writings and also from our Old Testament Scripture showed a knowledge of our Bible. Why then, were the teachings of the Gospels ignored? Did the writer think that he alone had received a divine message or that he was giving the world something new?

The teachings also seemed pagan to me, in that one lived a life of strict watchfulness over self and service for others for the sole purpose of advance-

ment of one's own spiritual nature. Compared with the Christianity in which I believe, that Christ is a spirit that dwells within each one of us and through us works for the service of humanity—a daily helper, and always present friend—the rigid form of living as given in this book seems hard.

I think every principle of right living outlined in this book can be and is being carried out by many true Christians in their daily life. The language is easy to understand and as a handbook for daily study it will help greatly in spiritual growth."

Doubtless a devout Buddhist or a sincere Hindu would say the same! The book is surely eclectic.

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We hear that Mr. V. C. Patwardhan has been given charge of the University Library at Madnapalle, to receive and catalogue books sent in. He writes to a correspondent that many books sent have been useful, and others of little value. Naturally there is greater need for scholarly and standard works. Where contributors of books are in doubt, a list might be submitted to National Headquarters, before sending to Mr. Patwardhan, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras, India.

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Thirty eight new members joined the Order in this country in July. With renewal of work everywhere in September the number will rise.

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The Headquarters staff received 721 and sent out 2030 letters in July despite the summer slackening.

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A correspondent suggests reprinting certain articles from *The Herald of the Star*. I regret to reply that this is against the policy of *Herald* and of *Server*. *The Herald* should have a wide circulation in English-speaking countries, and if we extract the best matter for our national magazine *Herald* circulation is injured.

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It is cheering to hear every now and then of some worker quietly proceeding with every variety of Star work. Mrs. Sterne in Denver, for example, reads Mrs. Gulick's *Book of Real Fairies* to the thirty little children in the Junior League, visits the dog pound on errands of mercy, reads *At the Feet of the Master* to a Saturday afternoon Bible class, leads and inspires a Wednesday afternoon meditation class, guides a group of Negro sympathisers, besides being good angel to various other departments of the work. "That which constitutes the supreme worth of life is not wealth, nor position, nor ease, nor fame, not even happiness, but service; nothing at last counts but service, and that counts always."

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A member writes that she finds it difficult to reconcile the statement in the June *Theosophist* at

page 276 with the statement in Headquarters No. 67, paragraph 4, to the effect that the Lodge has not withdrawn from the Theosophical Society.

The circular was based on a letter dated May 22, 1926, from Mr. Basil P. Howell, Secretary of the Theosophical Society in England; in response to a cable of inquiry from Captain Jones asking whether the cabled report of London Lodge withdrawal was correct. I quote from Mr. Howell's letter:

"The London Lodge has always held a peculiar position in England, having been the first Lodge chartered in this country, before the formation of the National Section, and for many years holding this charter direct from Adyar. A few years ago, it decided, for the purposes of administration, to join this National Society. I send you a copy of a letter received a short while ago from the President of this Lodge, stating that it had been decided to revert to the original status of a Lodge attached direct to Adyar and you will see from the letter that this step is taken in no spirit of dissatisfaction or ill-will."

Mr. Howell then enclosed the letter referred to, which he has in essence repeated in the quotation from his letter I have just made. I hope this will make the position clear to our readers. The point is small, but I feel it right to put the facts forward.

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When good judgment is used, prison work brings its own reward. A deeply sincere letter from a man just released from Represa speaks of the aid our workers have been to him, and continues: "I will surely feel a pang in my heart at leaving dear and valued friends. I will miss association of fellow workers, and I will miss some weak and hungry souls who needed my assistance. What does this short life really amount to except for the help we can be to others?" The Represa Theosophists sent me their May 23rd program. An organ prelude, invocation and introductory remarks were followed by a quartette. Then came a lecture on Madame Blavatsky's life, a song, questions and answers, and a debate on karma.

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Miss Hazel Collins writes on July 7th of a misprint in the May *Server*. It is a long time ago, but we welcome corrections. In this case the Head was misquoted by the Australian *Star* magazine from which we took his article. We followed copy but not sense. We said, "Duty is as necessary for growth as intellectual strength and emotional expansion," but the Head used the word *beauty* where *duty* is reported.

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A Los Angeles member put a note in the correspondence columns of a daily paper, reading: "If A Searcher in this column who requested information about the Coming of the Great World Teacher

will mail a card to the Order of the Star in the East, 2123 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, literature will be sent." Two dozen answers were received.

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Mr. Victor Russell writes: In revising the roster of the local Star Center last season I sent out a brief questionnaire, containing in addition to the usual request for correct name and address, the following questions:

1. When and where did you join the Star?
2. In what way was the Order first brought to your attention i.e. by a book, pamphlet, lecturer, friend, or other way?
3. Have you any suggestions for increasing the effectiveness of the Work in Washington?

I sent out fifty of these questionnaires and received responses from twenty-seven. Some of those who responded did not answer all of the questions.

Some light on the most productive methods of propaganda is shown in the responses to question No. 2. Out of 24 answering this question one had had the Star brought to his attention by a lecturer, one by "advice from Krotona," three through theosophical literature, four through Theosophical Society Lodges, and fifteen through friends.

Of the 27 answering the question No. 1, 8 joined the Order in 1911-12, one in 1914, three in 1917, five in 1920, two in 1922, five in 1923, two in 1924, and one in 1925. As this questionnaire was sent out at the beginning of the season 1925-26, it might be well to explain that twelve additional members were added to the local center during the season just closed. Besides Washington, Middleburg, (Holland), Boston, Birmingham, Chicago, Pittsburg and Lexington, Ky., were listed as points where members of the local center first joined the Order.

Among the suggestions offered for increasing the effectiveness of the work here, the following seemed worthy of mention:

"By being in position to deliver lectures before New Thought, Unity, Spiritualist and Rosicrucian Societies."

"To give the Krotona Service as often as possible."

"More study to prepare the members to inform those making inquiries which should follow propaganda. There is not sufficient fellowship and unity among the members."

"To offer ourselves as instruments to spread the good news by speaking privately to the leaders of young people's groups, as the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor, and those who are able to speak to seek opportunities to address those groups."

"Star tables with free literature in public building lobbies and other available places. Also artistic Star lamps lighted at night."

This information represents in condensed form the facts concerning the relations and reactions of twenty-seven average members to the Star movement. How much one might be able to generalize from it, I am not prepared to say, but a single straw will sometimes indicate the way the wind is blowing.

AN APPEAL TO JEWS

An International Association of Hebrew Theosophists was formed at the Theosophical Jubilee Convention at Adyar by Jewish members present there. Also a Synagogue is being built at Adyar on Headquarters grounds along with other temples and churches of the existing Faiths.

Due to the Coming of the World Teacher there is a stirring, an awakening and a yearning in our race for the higher spiritual truths as revealed by the Prophets, the Tannaim and the Geonim.

We feel, as Theosophists, it is our bounden duty to form an effective organization for correlating Judaism and Theosophy, and developing the idea of Esoteric Judaism and Jewish Mysticism so that the Great Ones may have a channel to send forth Their love and wisdom and spiritualize our Faith.

We therefore call upon all Jews whether they are T. S. members or not, but who are in sympathy with our objects to join us at once in His mighty work.

The Theosophical Society is an International body with Lodges in all large cities of the world. The International Headquarters of the Society is located at Adyar, Madras, India. Dr. Annie Besant is the International President.

The three objects of the Theosophical Society are as follows:

1. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or color.
2. To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science.
3. To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in man.

The object of the Association of Hebrew Theosophists as formulated at Adyar during the Theosophical Jubilee Convention are as follows:

1. To study Judaism in the light of Theosophy and Theosophy in the light of Judaism.
2. To spread Theosophical teachings among Jews.
3. To undertake any other activity which could aid in the realization of the objects of the Association.

Only two things are binding on every member of the Association of Hebrew Theosophists of the American Section.

1. The acceptance of Universal Brotherhood without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or color.

2. Absolute tolerance to every person's opinion. A member is not permitted with any religious opinion of anyone. A person is a member or non-member.

We would consider it a great favor if your Lodge would instruct the Secretary to send us the names and addresses of your Jewish members that we get in touch with them for the purpose of our organization and be prepared to do practical work among Jews before Mrs. Besant comes to America.

Kindly send names and addresses to Mr. Louis B. Ball, Secretary, 1031 Bennett Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Financial Items

The following acknowledgments include those held over from last month and bring us up to August 1st.

DONATIONS TO HEADQUARTERS FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$10,885.71
Lagerstrom, Miss Signe	10.00
Soeller, George G.	10.00
Fisher, Helen G.	10.00
Stahl, Mrs. Alma M.	10.00
Wheeler, Mrs. J. R.	10.00
Two Star Members	4.00
Brakmo, Mrs. Georgia	5.00
Greenfield, Mr. Arthur I.	5.00
Garst, J. R.	5.00
Anderson, O. S. and E. E.	8.00
Vance, Fred M.	5.00
Savage, Mrs. Anna M.	2.00
Arnold, Mrs. E. A.	2.00
Miller, Carl A.	1.00
Temple, Mrs. Martha	4.00
Dexter, Adda M.	10.00
Gruenke, Emilie M.	15.00
Meyer, Kurt H.	10.00
Butner, Cleo V.	1.00
Taylor, Alice A.	1.00
Odin, Mrs. Lottie	10.00
Eaton, Jeanette M.	10.00
Haake, Mrs. C. J.	10.00
Merrill, Col. T. E.	20.00
Hall, Dr. Walter Scott	10.00
Voges, Mrs. Amelia	6.50
Glanfield, Leah	5.00
Coburn, Miss Emma W.	5.00
Lippitt, Fanny B.	5.00
Bunnell, Bertha	5.00
Takahashi, J. T.	1.00

Angley	10.00	Barbour, Caroline W.	15.00
Arthur	10.00	Cassell, Mr. and Mrs. Louis B.	20.00
Full and Jack	5.00	Pickett, Dr. Nina E.	10.00
Alice	10.00	Strang, Edythe E.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. F.	25.00	Wagenvoort, William	10.00
ma	4.00	Thomson, Hugh	10.00
N. H.	5.00	Star Member	21.50
Blanche	5.00	Drury, Lulu E.	10.00
Mrs. Edmund	10.00	Manz, Mrs. Anna W. S.	10.00
.....	10.00	Rok, E. E.	5.00
.....	10.00	Weirick, Mrs. M. E.	5.00
.....	10.00	Wilson, Roy L. and Helen Rice	2.00
.....	10.00	Baldwin, Miss Grace	5.00
.....	10.00	Sagrov, A. N.	10.00
.....	1.00	Fisk, Mrs. Amelia W.	2.00
ttymann, Mrs. Elizabeth	10.00	Binkley, Mrs. Vera	10.05
lge, Colorado	25.00	Wegert, Mrs. Marie	10.10
avan, Josephine W.	10.00	Dickman, Miss Winona	5.00
mbert, Mrs. C. F.	10.00	Harden, Mr. Ray	5.00
ne, Helen M.	10.00	Beal, Mrs. J. E.	1.00
rse, Mrs. Marie P.	10.00	Beard, Mrs. K. D.	10.00
rris, Rubie I.	10.00	Morrison, Andrew	10.00
ewer, H. S.	12.00	Minnich, Eva	10.00
Fadden, W. G.	10.00	Osborne, Alice G.	10.00
rdick, Dorothy S.	10.00	Jessup, Maud M.	10.00
ejer, Mrs. Irma H.	5.10	Peasley, Sela I.	10.00
atty, S. E.	10.00	Lipman F.	10.00
Cool, Luella F.	5.00	Montz, Miss Mary E.	2.00
hard, E. W.	15.00	Davis, Miss Lucy A.	10.00
ghston, Regan	10.00	Morey, Eudora	5.00
rlie, Mrs. Margaret	2.00	Owen, Miss Mabel	10.00
venson, Louise Conant	15.00	Sheard, Harry	10.00
van, Mrs. Grace F.	10.00	Hadley, Theodosia	15.00
ahlenberg, Axel	10.00	Flatow, Solomon, L.	2.00
ouch, Anna Xenia	10.00	Star Group, Minneapolis	2.00
rderson, Frank H.	10.10	Crowther, R. F.	10.00
chey, Mrs. Florence	10.00	Craig, Nell Terry	5.00
enck, Essie Gillien	10.00	O'Reilly, Satie	1.00
binson, Harriet H.	10.00	Davies, Louisa W.	1.00
hol, Maxine	5.00	MacCloud, Joseph A.	10.10
ndt, Mabel A.	5.00	Fowler, Mrs. Edna M.	10.00
hl, Mrs. R.	6.00	Flagg, Mrs. Margaret Anna	10.00
rdy, Mrs. Winnie F.	2.00	McNutt, Mary O.,	10.00
rk, Katherine	5.00	Paul, David,	5.00
ashing Study Class	1.00	Brod, Emma and Olive	20.10
ata, H. M.	5.00	Haynes, George E.	10.00
ewart, Miss Eugenia	10.00	Davis, LeRoy	10.00
bey, Mrs. Linda H.	10.10	Lapp, Maimie J.	10.00
rlson, C. H.	10.00	Thompson, Jessie	5.10
lock, W. E.	10.00	Whitham, Irma D.	10.25
ertson, Mathilde	10.00	Anncar, Caryl	5.00
wers, Mrs. Bessie	5.00	Sells, Dr. W. E.	5.00
ire, Frances	10.00	Ronsenthal, J.	10.00
ugh, Abigail A.	10.00	Star Member	10.05
r Member	10.00	Passialis, Constantine	10.00
Carty, John B.	10.00	Tyler, Florence L.	10.00
ohmeier, Anna E.	15.00	Howard, Mrs. Ellen H.	5.00
lson, Miss Gail	10.00	Gilbert, Mrs. Magdalen	5.00
ams, Gertrude M.	10.00	Boyce, Mrs. C. A.	5.00
tzlaar, Mrs. Maria	10.00	Bonelli, Julia O.	5.00
plewhite, Mr. A. P.	7.00	Bonelli, T. H.	5.00
lliams, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton	10.00	Young, Jacob W.	5.00

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ters circula Mr.		47.50
London Le	ew	30.00
	s. Harry C.	4.00
		1.00
Geiger, Mrs		5.00
Pritzker, M		170.00
Sager, Fr	(Mrs. Fleming)	50.00
Pitkin, v	el L.	10.00
Fitzg	Mrs. Sidney J.	10.00
Dorser	R.	5.00
K		3.00
	nd Mrs. Louis	3.75
P	Arthur	5.00
	ice I.	5.00
	Mrs. George	2.00
	nam, Frances B.	1.00
	Charles M.	2.00
	ith C.	1.00
	LeRoy	1.00
es Group, San Francisco		4.00
uan, Miss Annie		

Total\$587.66

DONATIONS TO SCHOOL FUND

usly acknowledged	\$4,267.50
Walter J.	1,000.00
Mrs. Frances	10.00
Mr.	25.00
ice	5.00
gia Anna	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. D.	25.15
Mrs. E.	5.00
Mrs. Adelaide M.	5.00
ibans Round Table	14.60

Total.....\$5,387.25

DONATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL FUND

iously acknowledged	\$ 421.18
cial Social Proceeds, Hollywood Gr.	53.65
al Picnic Proceeds Hollywood Gr.	39.60
Group (Tennessee)	30.00
enez, C. E. and Dorothy	2.00
er, N. Y. City	16.70
Mr. and Mrs. A. K.	5.00
Star Group, Butte, Montana	58.10
Star Group, Washington, D. C.	20.00
de Lo Ruelos, Eleanor	25.00
Star Group, Boston, Mass.	50.60
Deaderick, A. Eugene	2.50
Anger, Gustavus	5.00
Star Group, Butte, Montana	3.43
Star Group, Glendale, Calif.	11.50
Smeltzley, Miss Mary Catherine	2.00
Dobbins, Mrs. Dorothy	2.50
Clark, Mrs. Pebe	25.00
Krotona Group, Hollywood, Calif.	50.00
Star Group (Alcyone), Kansas City, Kans.	15.00
Rusten, Mr. and Mrs. Lauritas	17.00
von Hoya, Dr. O. F. E.	21.00
Star Group, St. Louis, Mo.	73.60

Star Group (Alcyone) Los Angeles	200.00
Carter, Mr. Henry	5.00
Star Group, Savannah, Ga.	14.25
Donlon, F. W.	2.00
McDuffeas, Mary, Hugh and Helen	3.00
Barry, Mrs. Josephine	55.00
Clark, Mrs. Marguerite	2.00
Orlow, Mr. Eric	4.25
Thomas, K. R.	5.00
Star Group, Baltimore, Md.	20.50
Burling, L. D.	10.00
Lewis, Mrs. Nora	2.00
Star Group, Buffalo, N. Y.	57.51
Star Group, Lansing, Mich.	30.00
Burling, Mr. and Mrs. L. D.	15.10
Arnand, Mr. and Mrs. L.	20.00
Arnand, John, Anna, Simone and Raymonde	1.93
Star Group, Detroit, Mich.	39.00
Star Group, New Haven, Conn.	7.88
Star Group, New Orleans, La.	11.00
Star Group, Omaha, Neb.	37.00
Star Group, Salt Lake City, Utah	55.00
Brod, The Misses (5)	48.50
de Pomares, Mrs. U. S.	5.00
Star Group, Hollywood, Calif.	4.00
Star Group (Alcyone) Springfield, Mass.	5.00
Star Group, Bremerton, Wash.	8.55
Ivarson, Dr. and Mrs. M.	5.00
Star Group, Houston, Texas	10.00
Star Group, Minneapolis, Minn.	60.30
Star Group, New York, N. Y.	85.25
Star Group, Brooklyn, N. Y.	4.80
Star Group, Patterson, New Jersey	50.00
Holt, Mrs. L. E.	8.00
Moore, Mrs. Orlene Barnett	10.00
Barry, Caralisa	7.05
Barry, U. S.	5.00
Barry, Wingfield	2.55
Cox, Mrs. Adelaide W.	5.00
Clegg, Miss Ella M.	1.00
Rochester Group	33.00
Norton, Evelyn Clark	1.00
Monahan, Mrs. Eva	8.00
Arnand, Raymonde, Simone, John & Anna.	3.27
Group, Grand Rapids	52.10
Group, Duluth	151.05
Embertson, Mathilde	5.00
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A.	5.00
Lake, Mrs. O. M.	9.00
Merervey, Miss Emma	5.00
Mitterling, Mrs. Margaret	2.00
Stephens, Mrs. Hanna B.	100.10
A Friend	1.00
Womens Club of Seattle T. S. Lodge	50.00
Kempter, Mrs. Belle	2.25
L. C. S.	30.00
Edgar, Charles E.	5.00
New York Group, (per Mrs. Leila Jones)	12.50
Wilhelm, Charles M.	1.00
Akbar Group, Chicago	7.00
Alcyone Group, St. Paul, Minn.	32.00
Group, San Diego	47.35

Miss Effie	1.00
Becca L.	5.00
Columbus, O.	64.00
Honolulu	37.00
Group, (Alcyone) Springfield, Mass	6.00
Group, Milwaukee, Wis.	110.00
Herakles Group, San Francisco	18.00
Group, Seattle	18.00
Welton, Mrs. Emilie B.	2.00
McCredy, Miss Mary F.	15.00
Group (Alcyone) Cleveland, O.	30.00
Total	\$2,750.40

BLUE BAG DONATIONS

Previously acknowledged	\$15.75
Smith, Ethel H.	10.00
Meyer, Mrs. E.	3.50
Bradford, Enid J.	10.00
Star Group, Pomona	1.55
Zimmers, Miss Mabel	2.00
Wilhelm, Charles M.50
Severance, Dr. and Mrs.	1.00
Rowse, Dr. Amy J. C.30
Allan, Miss Winifred	1.05
Chase, Emma	2.00
Shannon, Mrs. Bertha	3.65
Heald, Mrs. Winifred	3.65
Heald, Mr. Samuel	3.65
Total	\$58.60

DONATIONS TO NITYANANDA COLLEGE FUND

Donations to end of fiscal year June 1st	\$153.05
Star Group (Herakles) San Francisco	10.00
Smeltzley, Miss Mary C.50
Star Group, Buffalo	52.50
McCauley, Miss Maud M.	4.00
Total	\$220.05

DONATIONS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION FUND

Donations to end of fiscal year June 1st	\$727.18
Samuel, Marshall and Jack	2.00
Excell, Mr. and Mrs. C. A.	10.00
Hamilton, Mrs. Sylvene	1.00
Walker, G. W.	1.00
McFadden, Mr. W. G.	5.00
Total	\$746.18

BOOKS DONATED TO INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Alcyone Star Group, Los Angeles	90
Maxson, Miss Dorothy	17
Lansing Lodge T. S.	235
Rogers, Lulu H.	75
Fisher, Mrs. Helen G.	5
Dewson, Miss Freda	6

Anger, Gustavus	11
Milwaukee Lodge T. S.	125
Total	564

STAR GARDENS

Additional to the four Star Gardens listed in June *Server*, we have deeds to the following:

5. Two and one half acre in Whidby Island near Seattle, Washington.
- Donor, Mr. Johan Y. M.
6. City lot in Los Angeles.
- Donor, a Friend.
7. 160 acres, Kit Carson Co., Colorado.
- Donors, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Lasell.

OTHER GIFTS

Dexter, Mrs. Adda, M. A box of sundry articles (jewelry, art pieces etc.) was received from Mrs. Dexter, to be sold and money used for Headquarters.

Maxson, Mrs. Bessie B. One moonstone pin, one 18-k gold band ring, two gold lavaliers.

Brennan Sarah, A. Valuable opal ring.

Star Group, New Orleans, La., Miss Helen Crane, Secretary, has sent 13 hand-made cretonne aprons and 12 Mammy dolls to be sold at Ommen Star Bazaar.

MODEL
FUNERAL
NOTICE

The death-angel smote
Alexander McGlue,
And gave him
Protracted repose.
He wore a checked shirt
And a number nine shoe,
And had a pink wart
On his nose.
No doubt he is happier,
Dwelling in space,
Over there
On the Evergreen Shore.
His friends are informed
That his funeral takes place
Tomorrow,
Precisely at four.

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